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On March 28th, 1907, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Rev. F. T. Johnson, M.A., Richard, son and grandson respectively of HENRY ATYEM-COATES and Capt. RICHARD ATYEM-COATES, both formerly of the Connaught Rangers, to CHARITA MARIA, second daughter of JOHN NICHOLSON STEVENS, M.B.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 4TH, 1907.

We have received, and returned, an essay submitted for publication in this journal. The writer, with that sublime effrontery for which the hack almost envies the amateur, simply entitled his literary effort "Life." The essay itself has no concern in these comments; it dwindle to overwhelming unimportance beside its modest heading. It is a good heading, as a famous American journal of humour has no doubt realised; but it was misapplied. It fits more things than dilettant scribbles. It might, for example, have replaced the word "telegrams" in yesterday's shipping extra, for if the collated messages from the outside world, referring to the governorship of Jamaica, an official's promotion, the murder of a merchant prince and the sentimentalistic reprieve of the murderer, the gaddings of presidents and princes, the grounding of a steamer and the impeding of canal traffic, the national revenue, professional billiard players' performances, a single death in Society and wholesale battle, arson, and rapine in Roumania—if all these things together do not vividly suggest such a caption, no inept hash of transcendentalism can deserve it. In Hongkong and elsewhere in the Far East some of us appear to cherish a vague impression that we "see life" more than does the average stay-at-home person. In one sense, this is beyond doubt correct; the average person anywhere is too busy earning a living to

sense life objectively. The term "life" is a wide one, however, and it is possible that we colonials are not greatly favoured over homedwellers, if we take the trouble to examine essentials. Kipling during a short stay in Hongkong took opportunities to describe "life" as the term is specialised by certain foolish, chit-chatting young animals full of poor liquor, and he spoiled a highly effective bit of first-class literary realism by a tag of second-rate moralising, thrown in, possibly, as a sop to those relations of Mrs. Grundy who dearly like to steal peeps at sinners sometimes, if only to denounce sin more authoritatively. But such specific applications of the caption are less correct than would be the connection of the word with any one of Kipling's heterogeneous daily epitomes. A phrase much in vogue lately shows that in the whirl of civilization there are revolting spirits given to thinking about "life"—at least there be some who have obviously reached the stage of deciding that it needs simplifying. Sometimes we have reflected that "the Simple Life" must be much older than the cant phrase in which the conception has been crystallised; that perhaps the bygone travellers who founded Hongkong and other similar places were actuated somewhat by a desire to escape the trammels and complexities of that civilization which we are so keen to force upon peoples actually and unconsciously living "the Simple Life." If it be so, and we have heard the casual complaints of later wanderers, who in coming to these far outposts of Empire confess to have dreamed of sartorial freedom in pyjamas and sandals, as well as other wild imaginings, then we may go on to fancy how some of them would fold up tent and steal away, to places where Kipling's backneyed and misleading jingle juxtaposing drink and the Decalogue would be more applicable. For truth to tell, Mrs. Grundy is a far more pushing, enterprising, and persistent missionary than any of the hired servants of the churches. AUTOCYUS has no business in Hongkong, Shanghai, or Yokohama. That figurative lady Mrs. Grundy—not fictitious, for she is really as evident and powerful as the Chinese Empress-Dowager—has "jumped the claims" of the refugees from civilization, and has hung up a silk hat and a straight-fronted corset as a sign of possession. A protest made by His Excellency the Governor some little time ago against the prevalence of plaster over honest brick in local architecture might have served as a text for a sermon on the subject. "Stuccoville" might be its name. Respectability its creed, and Mrs. G. its tutelary goddess. It has its advantages. We would not hanker after nor recommend such places as BERT HARTZ has pictured for us. They must be more comfortable to read about than to live in. It is just as well to have a few restrictions, and we fancy there are more than the Ten that Kipling has declared are overlooked. Mrs. GRUNDY could never be satisfied with so few as ten. There are as many of her "don'ts" and "mustn'ts" in Hongkong as in London, yet most residents contrive to exist very comfortably. Then why, it will now be enquired, all these divergences? If they had a reasonable purpose, we would be glad to declare it, but earnest mental searching fails to discover even a shadow of it. Like Topsy, we expect they "grewed", out of a contemplation of a small word neatly written at the top of a rejected contribution. That essayist (he will forgive these references, we know) did not do ill in writing—what—and-as-he-did. The only mistake he made was in calling it "Life." Therein, for those who do not do all their reading on the run, there appears to be a faint suggestion of the point and purpose we have formally denied. *Nobis non licet esse tam disertis, qui Musae colimus severiores*; but it is a poor-spirited horse that never shies sometimes.

"There is," says a well-informed Shanghai correspondent of a financial contemporary, "a general feeling that China business will be better this year."

The women of Victoria, B.C., are petitioning the Dominion Government to remove the head tax of \$500 (£100) on Chinese owing to the scarcity of domestic help.

We are advised by circular that at the next annual meeting of the Parsee Charity Funds a proposition will be put forward to take a note of the lamented death of Mr. Rustim Bomanjee Manashi, as he was always taking a prominent and active part in the Charity Trust Funds.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Allot Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:

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The formal opening of Kowloon Bowling Green for the 1907 season takes place on Saturday, when, in addition to the usual match—President v. Vice-President—the final for the Neish Medal will be played. A band will be in attendance during the afternoon.

The latest Volunteer Orders announce that Sergeant J. Hays, Corporal H. D. Bell and Gunner H. J. Large and O. S. Williams and J. F. Malden are permitted to resign on leaving the Colony, while Bomb. A. E. Crapnell is granted eight months' leave of absence and Gunner J. J. Watson twelve months' leave of absence.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Price, D.S.O. and Officers, the Band of the 129th Duke of Connaught's Own Baluchis, will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, this (Thursday) evening—

March	"Avec Applaud"	Vollstadt
Overture	"Charles VI."	Haley
Waltz	"Reynolds's Assurance"	Bayer
Selection	"Faust"	Gounod
Serenade	"The Foresters"	Eilenburg
Nocturne	"La Esperance"	Ascher
Selection	"Genevieve de Brabant"	Offenbach
Gavotte	"Princess May"	Kotau

The Hon. Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, whose Government has emerged successfully from a General Election, is the youngest Prime Minister in the King's dominions. He is only thirty-six, and he achieved the Premiership four years ago, after having held subordinate office as Minister of Mines. He is a native of New Westminster, the original capital of British Columbia. Mr. McBride is a barrister, and made an unsuccessful bid for Parliamentary honours at twenty-five. At twenty-seven he tried again, and was favoured by fortune.

At the Marine Court yesterday the coxswain of the steam launch *Aggie* appeared before Commander Basil E. H. Taylor, R.N., Harbour Master to answer a summons charging him with blowing the whistle of that launch, on the 29th March, other than for the purpose of navigation. Evidence was given by P.C. Barrie. The defendant stated that he was ordered to sound his whistle by his owner, who was on board at the time. The owner Mr. Chr. Witke, said: "I was in a great hurry to get at the other launch and I gave the order to the coxswain. I knew it was an improper use to put the whistle to. I am sorry." The summons against the coxswain was dismissed, and the owner was fined \$25.

After all, Mr. John D. Rockefeller, whom all good Americans acclaim as the richest man in the world, is "comparatively poor." Mr. Frederick Gates, the "confidential business representative" of the Standard Oil King, states that Mr. Rockefeller's wealth cannot exceed a paltry \$200,000,000, and that the popular estimate of \$200,000,000 is an entire delusion. Mr. Gates gives certain figures, from which it is evident that Mr. Rockefeller's annual income "only in his most prosperous years" can exceed between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000. Nevertheless, Mr. Rockefeller is not in immediate want, for a close analysis of the figures shows that the American Croesus has a fortune invested at 6.25 per cent, which yields him over £10,000 daily.

A Service paper says:—Lieut.-Colonel W. Scott-Moncrieff, Middlesex Regiment, commanding the 3rd Battalion of the gallant "Duchess" at Hongkong, has been promoted brevet-colonel on completing three years at the head of that battalion. Colonel Scott-Moncrieff has been associated with the Middlesex Regiment for nearly 29 years, having joined the old 25th Regiment in May, 1878. He served with the 57th in the Zulu War, 1879, including the action of Ginghlovo (medal with clasp); and with the Middlesex Regiment in the South African War, from the fighting for the relief of Ladysmith to the action of Spion Kop, where he was badly wounded. His services were recognised by mention in despatches, and he received the Queen's medal with two clasps.

Those who seriously wish for deliverance from the tobacco habit may, the *British Medical Journal* points out, try the method recommended by a Russian practitioner, Dr. Kolomisteff, Assistant Physician to the Military Hospital, Kasan. It consists in rinsing out the mouth with 25 per cent solution of silver nitrate after each indulgence in tobacco. He says the taste thus produced will create a disgust that will effectually cure the habit. There are other ways, however. A man at Orange (N.S.W.) noticed a peculiar flavour in the tobacco which he was smoking. On cutting into the cake he discovered the corpse of a mouse, which had been pressed into it during the process of manufacture.

The troubles said to be brewing in Persia do not promise a very hopeful opening of the new reign. With a few years of enlightened rule Persia might effect wonders. Persians are born traders. The wealthy Parsee merchant princes and financiers of Bombay, whom we have reason to know favourably in London, are Persians of the purest strain. In Turkey trade is in the hands of foreigners. But the Persian is not thoroughly understood. An American merchant, determined to open up the country, spent a fortune in the attempt to get his goods upon the market. It was in vain. Not a pennyworth did he sell. His speciality was saunas. Excellent saunas they were, no doubt, but when he called in a friend who knew the country to help to count and explain his losses, he learned the reason of his failure. "Saunas to the Persians," said the man consulted. "Why, you might as well try to trade palm-leaf fans to the Eskimos at the North Pole!"

TELEGRAMS.

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ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE

LONDON, April 3rd.

An earthquake has occurred at Bitlis in Asia Minor.

[Bitlis, a township in Asiatic Turkey, is built in a ravine with hills 200 feet above its valley. One of its chief manufactures is the cotton cloth celebrated for its bright red dyes. It has a population of about 40,000, of whom slightly more than half are Mahomedans and the remainder Armenians.]

STRIKE AT PORT SAID.

LONDON, April 3rd.

The porters at Port Said have gone on strike and steamers are detained in consequence.

CHINA ARMY.

LONDON, April 3rd.

The Chinese Government has placed an order for two million rifles in Germany.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE GOVERNORSHIP OF JAMAICA.

LONDON, April 1st.

It is officially announced that Mr. Sydney Olivier, has been appointed Governor of Jamaica, in succession to Sir James Swettenham, resigned, on the ground of age.

THE MURDER OF MR. WHITELEY.

LONDON, April 1st.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, the Home Secretary, has advised the King to commute the sentence on Rayner to penal servitude for life.

The *Daily Mail*, the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Standard* denounce the commutation of Rayner's sentence as a concession to hysterical emotionalism, and as a dangerous precedent involving the admission of degeneracy as an extenuation. The *Tribune* the *Daily News* and the *Morning Leader* approve.

PRINCE FUSHIMI IN FRANCE.

LONDON, April 1st.

President Fallières and Prince Fushimi have exchanged official visits. President Fallières will lunch with the Prince on Tuesday.

FRENCH MAIL ASHORE.

LONDON, April 1st.

The French steamer *Melbourne* is aground in the canal, and is obstructing the traffic.

THE REVENUE.

LONDON, April 1st.

The year's revenue of Great Britain amounts to £144,814,073, an increase of £8,036,497. It is expected that Mr. Asquith will have a disposable surplus of £3,500,000. The Customs show a decrease of £1,545,000, the death duties an increase of £1,430,000. The total revenue exceeds the estimates by £2,059,000 while the expenditure is £3,300,000 less than the estimates.

BILLIARDS.

LONDON, April 1st.

Reece playing Weiss, made a break of 6,138 unfinished, 3,040 consecutive cannons, 2,992 anchors. Dawson playing Lovejoy made a break of 6,245 unfinished, 3,110 anchors.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, April 1st.

The death of Sir Henry Elliot is announced.

ROUMANIA.

LONDON, April 1st.

In spite of optimistic official statements, reports continue to arrive of the most bloody encounters between the Roumanian troops and the peasants. The former are mercilessly bombarding the villages, and the latter are showing the fury of desperation.

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SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, April 3rd.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (PUISNE JUDGE).

HO YEE YIP CHUK PO.

This was an action brought by plaintiff to recover \$300, money lent to defendant. Mr. R. Harding appeared for the former and Mr. Otto Kong Sing for the latter. Mr. Harding explained that on 16th December last defendant asked plaintiff whether she had any money to lend as he had a friend who wished to borrow a sum of money. She consented. Defendant stated that his friend wanted \$150, but defendant had not enough, only \$150, and asked her to lend him the \$300. She did so, and obtained the receipt. Now defendant disputed having received the money from plaintiff to lend to Cheun Luk Yu.

Evidence was given at length. Plaintiff stated that she received the money from her father, having inherited \$1000 on which she had lived for three years and still had the \$300 left to lend to defendant.

The hearing was adjourned.

POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, 3rd April.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

AN ARMED ANNAVITE.

A schoolboy who hails from Annam was charged by Inspector Gouley with being in possession of arms without a permit. Armed with a knuckle duster and a sword stick, he is said to have called at several houses at the East End, simply with the object of frightening whoever should open the door.

His Worship bound him over in the sum of \$100 to be of good behaviour for six months.

BIRD FANCIERS.

Two small boys entered the yard of a house at Castle Road early yesterday morning and made a raid on the pigeon house. Having secured five birds they were about to depart, when the tenant of the house detained them.

On appearing before his Worship he ordered their detention for 48 hours, and that each should receive twelve strokes of the birch.

A SERIOUS ASSAULT.

Inspector Cameron placed a native before the Court on a charge of assault with intent to rob. The defendant is alleged to have entered a house at Kowloon City and attacked a woman with a chopper, inflicting three nasty wounds on the head.

His Worship remanded the case to enable the man to be placed under medical supervision.

JERVOIS STREET FIRE INQUIRY.

Before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon an inquiry was held concerning the fire, which occurred in the place goods shop at 72 Jervois Street on January 21st. The inquiry was called because the proprietors of the shop and Messrs. Wm. Meyerink and Co., agents for the Liverpool and London and Globe, and Western Insurance Companies, with which the stock was insured, could not agree as to the goods on the premises at the time of the fire.

Mr. Atkinson (of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon) appeared for the Insurance Companies, and Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) for the insurers, the Kwong Sui Un firm.

His Worship—What do you contend in this case? That there was not the stock in the shop claimed on?

Mr. Grist—Yes, that appears to be the only suspicious circumstance about the case, and that we submit is not a suspicious circumstance in as much as he had the stock there.

His Worship—I think we had better go on with that part of the inquiry.

Mr. Atkinson—We dispute the quantity of goods on the first floor, but there is no question about the goods on the ground floor. The goods on the first floor were valued at \$11,700. We say there was nothing there.

His Worship—Not even \$100 worth?

Mr. Atkinson—Not even a cent's worth.

Li Chai-sang, declared, said he was managing partner of the Kwong Sui Un firm, which was destroyed by fire while he was away in Canton. The value of goods on the first floor at the time of the fire was between \$3,000 and \$10,000; and on the ground floor about \$8,000 or \$9,000.

The stock on the first floor consisted of silk and white cotton cloth. He had claimed against the Insurance Companies for \$11,700, the amount being made up from his books.

Mr. Grist—Are the books properly kept?

His Worship—I think you'll get only one answer to that.

Proceeding, witness said he had three insurance policies, two with Messrs. Meyerink and Co. for \$14,000, and one with Messrs. Reuter, Brockelmann and Co. for \$7,000.

Cross-examined—All the goods on the first floor were stored in one place.

Witness was further examined regarding the formation of the floor, also concerning the various articles which went to make up the claim. The hearing then adjourned.

A NEW BAYONET.

Several new patterns of bayonets have been sent to Aldershot for experimental purposes, with the object of selecting one that will be the best adapted for use with the new short rifle. It has been recognized that our troops are handicapped in this direction, owing to the very small sword-bayonet they have at present in use, and the new patterns are, in consequence, all very much longer. Efforts have been made to keep the weight of these new weapons down to the lowest, while increasing their length, to compensate for a reduction of 3in. in the length of the new short rifle. Among the patterns under trial are those in use in the United States and Japanese Armies, and a three-cornered weapon, very similar to the old-fashioned bayonet, but very much lighter and straighter.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS CO., LD.

A general meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd. was held at the office of the liquidators, Messrs. John D. Humphreys and Son, at noon yesterday. Mr. H. Humphreys presided, others present being Messrs. J. A. Tarrant, J. A. Jupp, W. A. Cruickshank, J. Orange, A. J. Raymond, D. E. Clark and J. M. Wong.

Mr. JUPP read the notice calling the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen—The Liquidators' report and statement of accounts have been in your hands since the 7th ultimo, so with your permission I will take them up now. The notice convening this meeting was served on you at the same time besides being advertised in the Government Gazette for one full month in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Ordinance of 1865. The figures before you give details of the working account during the period of liquidation and show how the net profit has been disposed of to a point by a first dividend in liquidation of \$20 paid on 3rd September 1906 and a final dividend in liquidation of \$11.15 now payable. The Assets and Liabilities of the Company do not appear in the Liquidators' accounts, as by virtue of the Agreement between the two Companies they are to be transferred in their entirety to the Peak Tramways Company Limited in exchange for fully paid up scrip in that Company amounting to \$250,000. The consent of the Governor-in-Council to the sale of the undertaking of the old Company to the new has been obtained and shareholders notified to send in their scrip in the old Company to be exchanged for shares in the new Company in accordance with the terms of the said agreement. I have no further remarks to make, but if any shareholder has any questions to ask I shall be pleased to answer them.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK—Might I ask when the new scrip will be issued in exchange for the old?

The CHAIRMAN—We propose to issue as soon as this meeting is over.

No further questions were asked, the CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. ORANGE seconded and the motion was unanimously carried.

The CHAIRMAN—I propose to hand over the books of the old Company to the new if shareholders have no objection. Dividend warrants are now ready and can be had on application to the Company's office. It would facilitate matters a good deal if shareholders sent in their scrip to be exchanged as soon as possible. The new company will probably be having their first annual meeting at the end of this or early next month and, of course, to get dividend warrants it will be necessary for shareholders to exchange their scrip. There will be another dividend then. That is all the business, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Green Island Cement Company was held yesterday morning at the office of the company when the resolutions passed at the previous extraordinary meeting were confirmed. Mr. E. Shaw presided and the others present were Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. T. F. Hough, R. Hume, J. F. Wright, and J. A. Young, with Mr. Henderson secretary.

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN moved the first resolution that the capital of the Company be increased to \$4,000,000 by the creation of 200,000 new shares of \$10 each.

Mr. T. HUGH seconded, and the motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN then moved the second resolution that the Articles of Association be altered by striking out the figures "£1,500" in Clause 6 of Article XII, and by substituting therefor the figures "£4,000" and by striking out the word "lands" in the second line of Clause 1 of Article XVI, and by inserting after the said Clause 1 new Clauses as follows:—

(1a) The Company in General Meeting may in the year 1907 pass a Resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalise the sum of \$900,000 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and accordingly that that sum be distributed as a bonus amongst the shareholders in proportion to the shares held by them respectively, and that the General Managers be authorised to distribute among the Shareholders the 200,000 unissued Shares in like proportions.

(1b) When such Resolution has been passed the General Managers may allot and issue the 200,000 unissued Shares credited as \$450 paid up to the Shareholders in satisfaction of the said bonus in proportion to the shares held by them respectively, and prior to such allotment the General Managers may authorise any person on behalf of the Shareholders to enter into any agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to them of such shares credited as \$450 paid up and in satisfaction as aforesaid and any agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

Sir PAUL CHATER seconded, and the resolution was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business, gentlemen.

The Transvaal Ministry has been entertained at a banquet at Johannesburg. General Botha, the Premier, stated that he hoped to be able to say at the Colonial Conference that both Britain and South Africa were loyal to the British flag, but they wished for more latitude to regulate their own affairs. Mr. Smuts, the Colonial Secretary, remarked that the Ministry were delighted that both parties in Parliament were united on the Asiatic question, which had troubled them for twenty years.

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and populated suburb, a significant fact being
that whereas five years ago there were only
four European residences in the vicinity, there
are now nearly one hundred. The district is also
considered to be cooler in summer than the
Babbling Well Road, as the breeze comes
direct from the river and is not interrupted by
the vast masses of houses in the Settlement.
Not only is it well situated for European
residences, but being adjacent to the Park, now
being rapidly completed, it seems probable that
with cheap tram communication, low rentals
and attractive surroundings, many occupants of
town houses, especially families, would gladly
exchange their present dwellings for residences
which avoid dangers to children, who could
therefore frequent the Park without having to
traverse the crowded streets; in furtherance of
this object, the Directors are prepared to
consider any suggestions while building, as
regards planning, roads, that any prospective
tenant may bring to their notice.

Attention is also directed to the advantages
of residences adjoining the new Park, and the
Ride Range. The Public Swimming Bath,
Cricket, Football, Lawn Tennis Grounds and
Bowling Greens in such close proximity, should
attract considerable support, especially as in
course of a few years, many of the lawns will
be shaded by trees, a feature which is impossible
on the Race Course.

It is proposed to gradually develop the
Estate, erecting suitable and up-to-date
residences, with gas, electric light, and water
laid on, and which can be let at moderate
rentals to suit various incomes; owing to the
proximity of the New Park, it will not be
necessary to provide all houses with large
gardens, which add so much to the expense of
most country houses, though most of them will
have some ground attached, and in order to
economize space, terraces will be put up as well
as semi-detached villas.

The price to be paid for the whole Estate is
Tls. 175,000, which compares very favourably
with the market rate for land in the neighbour-
hood, not so well situated.

The Directors are advised that the Estate
could carry 82 houses, together with stabling,
the proposed rentals varying from Tls. 60 to
Tls. 75 per month, according to size and aspect.
These rentals, which are based on a conservative
estimate, should be sufficient to ensure a dividend
of not less than 7 per cent per annum.

In order to secure a return to investors as
soon as possible and disburse Working
Expenses, Messrs. Ilbert & Co. have agreed to
make a nominal charge for Management, of
Tls. 1,200 per annum, until a Dividend has been
declared, when it is proposed to increase the
Annual Management Charge to Tls. 3,000, and
this sum will be submitted for the approval of
the Shareholders in General Meeting.

The Title Deeds of the Land have been
registered in the British Consulate and will be
transferred into the names of the Trustees for
the Company.

The Vendors have agreed to take four-fifths
of the purchase-money in 5,600 fully paid-up
shares, and one-fifth in cash, and to pay in
addition all expenses connected with the floating
of the Company, thus keeping a large interest
in the concern.

Applications should be made on the accom-
panying form which should be filled up and
handed to the Company's Bankers, together
with the amount payable on application. If no
allotment is made the deposit will be returned
without deduction, and in cases where the
number of shares allotted is less than that
applied for, the surplus will be credited towards
the sum due on allotment.

Prospectuses and forms of Application can be
had at the Company's Office, 22 King's Road,
or from the Company's Bankers at Shanghai,
Hongkong and London.

The above contracts and copies of the Memo-
randum and Articles of Association of the
proposed Company will be open for inspection
for a period of twelve days before the Share
Lists close, at the Office of the Company's
Legal Advisers, No. 11 Yuen-Ming-Yuen
Road, Shanghai, of Mr. A. P. Stokes,
Solicitor, 15 Leadenhall Street, London, to be
applied for shares, and whether such
inspection is made or not, Shareholders shall
be considered as having applied upon the basis
of such Memorandum, and to have full
knowledge thereof.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF
& GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING OF THE HONGKONG & KOW-
LOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.,
will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE,
MATHESON & Co., King's Buildings, Victoria
in the Colony of Hongkong, TO-MORROW
(FRIDAY), 5th April, 1907, at 12.30 o'clock in
the afternoon, when the Subjoined Resolutions
which were passed at the Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Company held on the 20th
day of March, 1907, will be submitted for Con-
firmation as Special Resolutions:

1. That the following alterations be made in
the Articles of Association viz.—

(a) That the words "person for the time
being in charge of the business of" be
inserted between the word "Manager"
and the word "or" in the 4th line of
Article No. 60.

(b) That the words from and including
"The Senior" in the second line of
Article No. 70 down to and including the
words "if willing to act" in the 4th
line of Article No. 70 be eliminated and
the words "The Managing Director in the
East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Ltd., if willing to act or in his
absence the person for the time being in
charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be
inserted instead.

(c) That the words from and including "The
Senior" in the first line of Article No.
71 down to and including the words "so
long" in the third line of Article No. 71
be eliminated and the words "The
Managing Director in the East of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his
absence the person for the time being in
charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall
so long" be inserted instead.

(d) That the words "or the Corporation he
represents" be inserted between the word
"he" and the word "be" in the second
line of Article No. 78.

(e) That the words "or the Corporation he
represents" be inserted between the word
"he" and the word "cease" in the first
line of S.S. 5 of Article No. 82.

2. That the above Resolutions making the
above changes in the Company's Articles shall
come into force and take effect from and includ-
ing the 1st day of May, 1907.

Dated the 20th day of March, 1907.

By Order,
E. OSBORNE,
Secretary.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY
YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be
held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Build-
ings, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 13th
April, 1907, at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors together
with the Statements of Account to 31st Decem-
ber, 1906, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will
be CLOSED from 3rd April to the 13th
April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1907. 584

HONGKONG
BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

TO LET

"GLENWOOD" Caine Road, suitable for a Boarding house or Club. Containing 26 Rooms. This property would be divided into two or more houses to suit tenants. **"BANGOUR"** Peak. **BUNGALOW** at Breezy Point with Tennis Court.

BUNGALOW (furnished) at New Territory. Kowloon, 4 Rooms, Low Rental. **BEACONSFIELD ARCADE**, Fine Shops, Offices and Dwelling Rooms. No. 15, **QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL**, Top Floor, (over Calbeck MacGregor). **BELILIOS TERRACE HOUSES**, Robinson Road.

Apply to—**LINSTEAD & DAVIS**, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 22nd March, 1907. 1102

TO LET

NO. 21, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, suitable for Offices and Godown. Apply on the Premises. Hongkong, 20th March, 1907. 610

TO LET

"DUNHEVED" 33, Robinson Road, or FOR SALE. **SEYMOUR ROAD**. 4 New Houses in KENNEDY ROAD, near Wan Chai. Nos. 4 and 5, HIGH STREET. No. 90 & 91 GODOWN PRAYA EAST. Apply to—**SAM WANG CO. LTD.**, 81, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 13th November, 1906. 1103

TO LET

2 FOUR-ROOMED HOUSES at Praya East, near East Point. Apply to—**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.**, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1907. 1137

TO LET

A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TERRACE KOWLOON. Apply to—**THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO. LTD.**, Hongkong, 1st April, 1907. 1132

TO LET

2ND FLOOR of No. 6, ICE HOUSE STREET; Centrally situated and within easy reach of the principal Banks and business houses. Apply on the premises to—**TATA & CO.** Hongkong, 24th December, 1906. 1105

TO LET

IN ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS Small Office on Second Floor. Apply to—**SECRETARY, A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.**, Hongkong, 4th January, 1907. 1150

TO LET

ONE ROOM in PRINCE'S BUILDINGS from 1st February. Rent \$50 per month. Apply to—**REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.**, Prince's Buildings, Hongkong, 29th January, 1907. 299

TO LET

NO. 6, AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON. Possession 1st April, 1907. Apply to—**COMPRADORE DEPARTMENT, 2, D. Sassoon & Co.**, Hongkong, 19th March, 1907. 589

TO LET

NO. 4, OBSERVATORY VILLAS, Kowloon. Five Rooms; Electric Light; Tennis Court etc. Apply to—**ARRATON V. APCAR & CO.**, 45, Wyndham Street, Hongkong, 3rd April, 1907. 700

TO LET

NO. 1 and 5, ORMSBY TERRACE, Granville Road, Kowloon. Moderate Rentals. Apply to—**SPANISH PROCURATION**, Hongkong, 4th March, 1907. 504

TO LET

NO. 26, WINDHAM STREET. Apply to—**E. A. & C. F. DE CARVALHO**, 14, Arbuthnot Road, Hongkong, 25th February, 1907. 471

TO LET

NO. 1, WEST END TERRACE, Shamshing, Canton. Apply to—**HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO. LTD.**, Hongkong, 1st April, 1907. 91

TO LET

"SUMMER HOUSE" Mount Kellett, the PEAK, Partially Furnished. Possession from 1st April, 1907. Low Rental. Apply to—**PERCY SMITH & SETH**, 5, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 8th March, 1907. 539

TO LET

NO. 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14, HOLLYWOOD ROAD. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 SUN WAI LANE. Apply to—**ARRATON V. APCAR & CO.**, 45, Wyndham Street, Hongkong, 24th October, 1906. 101

TO LET

WELLBURN, No. 81 the PEAK. Apply to—**JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LUN**, York Buildings, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1907. 254

TO LET

NO. 3, CARRAVON VILLAS, and No. 6, LOCHIEL TERRACE, Kowloon. Apply to—**HBWA & Co.**, No. 15, Connaught Road, West, Hongkong, 1st February, 1907. 324

TO LET

NO. 6, LYERMOON VILLAS, Kowloon. Possession from 1st March next. Five Rooms and Tennis Court. Rent \$125 per month including taxes. Apply to—**"LYERMOON"**, Care of "Daily Press" Office, Hongkong, 21st January, 1907. 241

TO LET

NO. 23, LEIGHTON HILL ROAD. Immediate Possession. Apply to—**THE COMPRADORE, Nippon Yusen Kaisha**, Hongkong, 4th February, 1907. 333

TO LET

NO. 2, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, and No. 51, POTTINGER STREET. Apply to—**ARRATON V. APCAR & Co.**, 45, Wyndham Street, Hongkong, 2nd March, 1907. 491

TO LET

2ND FLOOR No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, GREENCROFT, GARDEN ROAD, Kowloon, Recessed, Electric Light, Tennis Court. FAIRVIEW, ROBINSON ROAD, Kowloon, from March 1st. Apply to—**LEIGH & ORANGE**, 1, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, 19th February, 1907. 94

TO LET

"LEWKNOR" No. 116, PEAK. April to end September. Apply to—**M. W. SLADE**, Prince's Buildings, Hongkong, 29th January, 1907. 300

TO LET

NO. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD. Apply to—**COMPRADORE'S DEPARTMENT, Nippon Yusen Kaisha**, Hongkong, 3rd June, 1905. 197

TO LET

NO. 8 GRANVILLE AVENUE, Kowloon. No. 1, EAST AVENUE, Kowloon. Apply to—**HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.**, Hongkong, 21st March, 1907. 678

TO LET

OFFICES in KING'S BUILDING and YORK BUILDING. A HOUSE in WONG NEI CHONG ROAD. GODOWNS in PRAYA EAST. A HOUSE in CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road. FLATS in MORETON TERRACE. Apply to—**THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO. LTD.**, Hongkong, 1st April, 1907. 91

TO LET

BOARD AND RESIDENCE FIRST-CLASS BOARD & RESIDENCE at "BRAESIDE". A LARGE AND COMMODIOUS RESIDENCE standing in its own grounds, with Tennis Courts, Good Dining and Reception Rooms, Large Airy and Well Furnished Bedrooms, every home comfort. Fine View of the Harbour; Terms moderate. Apply to—**Mrs. P. W. WATTS**, "Braeside," 20, Macdonnell Road (late of "Tang Yuen"), Hongkong, 27th June, 1905. 143

TO LET

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE MRS. GILLANDERS "CLAREMONT," 2 & 4, KENNEDY ROAD, Hongkong, 9th February, 1907. 604

THE CENTRAL STORES, LD. SHANGHAI.

The adjourned meeting of this company took place at Shanghai on March 28th. Mr. G. I. Shekry (Chairman) said:—We met again today to discuss the resolutions brought before you at the last extraordinary meeting, the adjournment of which we agreed to in order to allow those shareholders who were not acquainted with the Articles of this Company to have an opportunity to peruse them, although we could then have carried the resolutions by an overwhelmingly large majority of votes. I may say it is not customary with any company in submitting resolutions to its shareholders to quote the reasons affecting such resolutions. It is for any shareholders who may have any objection to such resolutions, or who may wish to amend them, either to go to the office of the Company to look up the Articles of Association or else send and buy a copy. In the present transitory state of the business of the Company the directors would not recommend the issue of debentures. There is no doubt that the issue of debentures would be more advantageous from the shareholders' point of view, as the Company would have to pay a guaranteed interest very much less than the cumulative one according to the Articles of Association. At the same time, I may point out the dangers which might ensue were we to issue debentures, by stating, that not very long ago, in a town not far distant from Shanghai, where a Company built up a similar undertaking to ours by having borrowed one-third of the cost of the business, so long as the business was paying, debentures, no longer as the business was paying, three years came along and they could hardly pay their working expenses, much less the interest on debentures, what was the result. The debenture-holders foreclosed on the property and sold it by auction at a time when business was very bad, and the property hardly realized an amount sufficient to pay the debenture-holders, and the shareholders got nothing for their trouble. That properly, gentlemen, on the revival of business, is paying very handsomely. I do not think that any of the shareholders would pledge the property of this Company at the present juncture. There is something more which I will point out now to those who acquired shares in the Company recently, that there is a clause—I may say a very valuable clause—in our lease, which gives to us the refusal of purchase of the hotel, which the Palace Hotel is built. We cannot say when we shall be asked to exercise that clause, but it might be when least expected, and at a time perhaps when trade is bad and money hard to raise; and if you pledge your property now, it will be doubly hard to raise money then, whereas, if our property is not encumbered we could then easily, by giving a large margin, be able to raise debentures. Some resolutions were handed to us to be brought forward at this meeting, but you are aware, gentlemen, that this is but an adjourned meeting, and I would refer you to Article 83 of the Articles of Association, which reads as follows:—"The CHAIRMAN, with the consent of the meeting, shall have power to adjourn any meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business left unfinished at the meeting, shall be brought forward at the adjourned meeting, unless the directors did not place. These resolutions were not empowered by the Articles of Association to have these amendments submitted to this meeting, they wish to assure the shareholders that they have given the subject matter of their careful attention. I have already dealt with the question of issuing debentures. In regard to the directors now put forward at this point has been charge of the Company, as at that time and considered before, but as the change would be inadvisable, as it would entail a considerable amount of labour, to say nothing of the expense of liquidating the Company and re-registration. In regard to the other resolution which has been submitted, our architects have undoubtedly had great difficulty with the contractor they employed, who has proved unsatisfactory, but as mentioned at the last ordinary meeting, the directors have declined the last penalty under the contract for the delay, and payment of this will be duly enforced. The directors do not consider that any useful purpose would be served by changing our architects. The delay which has occurred in the completion has no doubt been extremely annoying, but the work which you have all seen, is of the first quality, and has been well done. I, therefore, now beg to propose the following resolutions:—1.—That the capital of the Company be increased to \$751,845 by the creation of twenty thousand additional ordinary shares of \$15 each to be called "further new shares." 2.—That 10,000 of such further new shares be offered in part in the first instance to the members of the Company being on the register on the 30th day of April 1907 in the proportion of one further new share for every three existing shares held by them respectively and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer, if not accepted by payment in full, will be deemed to be declined and that the directors be empowered to dispose of the shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company and that no fractional shares shall be issued. 3.—That such further new shares shall from date of payment rank for dividend a dividend, and be in all respects pari passu with the existing new issue of the Company.

Mr. Murphy seconded. Mr. Michael supported the resolution. He paid a tribute to the work done by the directors, in rescuing the company from the verge of bankruptcy and putting it in its present strong position. He considered they should receive every support from the shareholders, and that it was not wise to be undercapitalized. The CHAIRMAN again pointed out that by the Articles of Association no fresh resolution or amendment could be proposed at an adjourned meeting. It was open to shareholders to vote for or against the resolution, of which due notice had been given. Mr. EVANS pressed his point. Mr. EVANS explained that the Articles of Association and Hongkong Ordinance were alike stringent in this point, as it would be unfair to shareholders, who did not attend the meeting if something other than that formally set forth in the agenda by the regular period of notice were brought forward. Mr. EVANS asked if he might mention what the resolution he wished to move was. The CHAIRMAN had no objection. Mr. EVANS explained that he was not opposed to the raising of new capital, but he wished the last resolution to read:—"That the remaining 10,000 of the 20,000 further new shares shall be issued on such terms and conditions, if required, as shall be decided at a future meeting of shareholders." Mr. NEILSON supported the CHAIRMAN and legal adviser on the point that no fresh motion or amendment could be introduced. He supported also the motion for new capital on the ground that it was better to have a really first class building than to endeavour to cut down at the last moment. The resolutions were put *en bloc* and carried with six dissentients. This concluded the business.

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